Title: References made to the passing away of Shri Purna Sinha (Member 6th Lok Sabha), Shri K. R. Natarajan (Member 8th Lok Sabha), Shri Roop Nath Singh Yadav (Member 6th Lok Sabha), Prof. Narain Chand Parashar (Member 5th, 7th and 8th Lok Sabha) and Shri C.D. Patel (Member 7th and 8th Lok Sabha) on 25 January,2001, 11 February, 2001, 13 February, 2001, 21st February, 2001 and 22nd February, 2001 respectively .

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of five of our former colleagues namely, Sarvashri Purna Sinha, K.R. Natarajan, Roop Nath Singh Yadav, Prof. Narain Chand Parashar and C.D. Patel.

Shri Purna Sinha was a member of Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing Tezpur Parliamentary Constituency of Assam.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Sinha was a member of Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament.

An advocate and journalist by profession, Shri Sinha was associated with various educational institutions. He was also Municipal Commissioner of Tezpur.

A keen social and political worker, Shri Sinha worked relentlessly for the uplift of the downtrodden and tribals. He strived for promotion of national integration of people living in Assam and other Eastern States.

A trade unionist, Shri Sinha represented various workers' unions.

A man of letters, Shri Sinha had a number of publications to his credit and he also contributed several articles and short stories to several magazines. He was also founder and Chief Editor of '*Mahajati'* newsmagazine.

Shri Purna Sinha passed away on 25 January, 2001 at Tezpur, Assam at the age of 88.

Shri K.R. Natarajan was a member of Eighth Lok Sabha from 1984 to 1989 representing Dindigul Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

An able parliamentarian, Shri Natarajan was a member of the Committee on Public Undertakings during 1986-1987 and in 1989. He was also a member of the Rules Committee during 1987-89.

A lawyer by profession, Shri Natarajan served as the Public Prosecutor for the State of Tamil Nadu from 1972 to 1976; Government Advocate, High Court, Madras from 1981 to 1984 and Additional Public Prosecutor of the State upto April, 1984.

A keen social and political worker, Shri Natarajan worked relentlessly for the uplift of the poor, downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

Shri K.R. Natarajan passed away on 11 February, 2001 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu at the age of 71.

Shri Roop Nath Singh Yadav was a member of Sixth Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979 representing Pratapgarh Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shri Yadav was a member of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly and served his State as Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Cabinet Minister for Local Self Government during 1967-70.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Yadav was a member of Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House and Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament.

A veteran freedom fighter, Shri Yadav took active part in the Quit India Movement and suffered imprisonment.

A keen social and political worker, Shri Yadav worked relentlessly for the uplift of the downtrodden and weaker sections of the society.

Sri Roop Nath Singh Yadav passed away on 13 February, 2001 at Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh at the age of 83.

Prof. Narain Chand Parashar was a Member of Fifth, Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabha from 1971 to 1977 and from 1980 to 1989 representing Hamirpur parliamentary constituency of Himachal Pradesh.

An active parliamentarian, Prof. Parashar served as a member of various Consultative Committees and Parliamentary Committees of Lok Sabha.

Earlier, Prof. Parashar was a member of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from 1977 to 1980 and served as Minister of Education in the State Government.

A great scholar, Prof. Parashar was well-versed with several languages including foreign languages such as Chinese and Japanese. He was associated with various educational, literary and academic institutions. He was instrumental in promoting Pahari language.

A man of letters, Prof. Parashar authored several books in various languages. He was also editor of *Him Dhara*, a Pahari bi-monthly and *Yug Disha*, a Hindi monthly.

A widely travelled person, Prof. Parashar participated in Asian Peace Conference at Ulan Bator, Mongolia in 1974 and was a member of Indian Council of World Affairs in 1979. He was also a member of Indian Delegation to United Nations in 1980.

Prof. Narain Chand Parashar passed away on 21st February, 2001 in New Delhi at the age of 66.

Shri C.D. Patel was a Member of Seventh and Eighth Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1989 representing Surat parliamentary constituency of Gujarat.

Earlier, Shri Patel was a member of Gujarat Legislative Assembly during 1972-74.

An active parliamentarian, Shri Patel was a member of Parliamentary Committee on Papers Laid on the Table during 1980-82 and Subordinate Legislation during 1982-84. He was also a member of Consultative Committees of Ministries of Communication and Commerce.

A keen social and political worker, Shri Patel was associated with various educational institutions.

Shri C.D. Patel passed away on 22nd February, 2001 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat at the age of 70 after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of these friends and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed souls.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)